

Child Care and Development Fund
FACT SHEET
August, 2008
Montana

Caseload

- 5,532 children were served this month in this program
- 3,335 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 10.0% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 22.6% of all families served

Children

- 86.3% of children were served in licensed care
- 11.3% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 122 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 28.4% of all children served
- White children accounted for 78.7% of all children served

Families

- 80.1% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.9% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 90.6% of families were headed by a single parent
- 10.0% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$409 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 8.0% of the cost and the program paid 92.0%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$404
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$386
- 73.2% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Gallatin County at \$528 per child
- Sanders County ranks first in relative care statewide with 78.6% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Judith Basin County, where 33.3% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF